ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A substrate for an endless belt in a papermaking machine comprising a plurality of preformed layers coated or impregnated with a polymeric or rubber material. Each preformed layer may be a textile material. At least one layer contains a matrix of preformed reinforcing components. The individual layers are first coated with a polymer resin or rubber material and then combined/stacked and cured/bonded to form the substrate of the belt.

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